GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
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Soil Health Card
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Soil Health Card Campaign is being launched in all the States/UTs;

(b) if so, the details and the progress thereof; and

(c) the policy directives to the States to implement the campaign for maintaining productivity of soil in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The Government has introduced Soil Health Card Scheme in all States/UTs with an aim to assist all State Governments to evaluate fertility in all farm holding across the country and issue soil health cards to farmers regularly in a cycle of 2 years. Soil health cards provide information to farmers on nutrient status of their soil along with recommendations on appropriate dosage of nutrients to be applied for improving soil health and its fertility. Against the target of 2.53 crore soil samples, the States have collected 2.56 crore samples and tested 1.75 crore samples covering 9.6 crore holdings. 5 crore soil health cards have been distributed to farmers.

(c): A detailed guidelines have been issued to States to follow uniform method of collection and testing of soil samples. The test results and recommendations for fertilizer/amendment usage are to be provided in a uniform soil health card format across all states in the country.

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